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Study Area Boundary



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Plan is available for viewing and downloading at: http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/egov/docs/1345205343285.htm

On June 7, 2010, the Lafayette City Council adopted Resolution #2010-05 which requested the APC, partnering with RATIO Architecture Inc., to study the Historic Centennial Neighborhood and create, with its residents and property owners, a neighborhood plan to provide a long-term vision for future development, preservation and streetscape improvements within the neighborhood. A steering committee of 20 individuals was formed in the fall of 2010 representing various neighborhood interests including business persons, residents, social service providers, religious and arts interests, educators, elected officials, developers and others. Their task was to guide and influence the development of the neighborhood plan.

The plan provides for a more intense study of the neighborhood that is tailored to the needs of the residents and property owners in this near-downtown location. The plan is designed to influence the city council, the board of zoning appeals and the Lafayette Division of the board of zoning appeals as they render decisions on land use changes. The plan is also intended to influence public improvements and steer private investment in order to promote neighborhood stabilization, preservation, and compatible redevelopment. Additionally, within the plan are goals, policies and implementation strategies that provide recommendations for improvements within the neighborhood.

The closing chapters of the plan firmly establish the neighborhood's vision through detailed illustrations and explanations of a land use future that both embraces the expansion of the downtown while promoting and celebrating the very best of the neighborhood's distinct historic architectural heritage.

The final result sets a new high standard for neighborhood plans in our community and will serve as a model for all future neighborhood planning efforts. Staff recommends adoption of the Historic Centennial Neighborhood Plan and its inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan of Tippecanoe County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

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WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* was adopted in 1981 and allows for the inclusion of neighborhood plans; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County derives authority to approve amendments to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan* from *Indiana Code Section* 36-7-4-511; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County did hold a public hearing following proper publication of meeting notices under *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-507*, to inform and hear discussion on this amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County after due consideration, adopted this amendment known as the *Historic Centennial Neighborhood Plan*, an amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, finding it to be in accord with its own goals, thus recommending the amendment to the City of Lafayette;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, THAT:

The Historic Centennial Neighborhood Plan, a part of the Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County, is hereby adopted.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Roland Winger, President